## **CAROL TUCKER FOREMAN**

### **PROFESSIONAL**

Distinguished Fellow and Director, The Food Policy Institute Consumer Federation of America 1999 - Present

Established and direct a new group within the nation's largest consumer advocacy organization. CFA is composed of over 300 national, state and local organizations, whose combined memberships exceed fifty million Americans. The Institute's major interest areas include: reducing food-borne illness by improving nation's inspection systems for domestic and imported foods, advocating effective regulation of genetically modified foods, campaigning for pro-consumer agricultural policies, and encouraging public policies to improve nutrition and reduce obesity. The Institute also sponsors the annual National Food Policy Conference that brings together industry, government and consumer leaders to discuss the above issues.

## Significant Achievements:

- Improved safety of ground beef purchased for use in school lunch and other food assistance programs. In June 2000 persuaded USDA to institute zero tolerance for *E. coli* O157:H7 and *Salmonella* contamination of ground beef purchased for use in feeding programs. In April 2001 revealed that Bush Administration planned to eliminate the standard and stop testing. Lead successful effort to persuade Administration to continue the testing.
- Named by Clinton Administration as one of ten U.S. citizens to participate in U.S./ European Union Consultative Forum on Agricultural Biotechnology. Group produced a consensus document on role and regulation genetically modified foods in effort to assure human and environmental safety and avoid a trade war.
- Delivered concluding keynote address at May 2000 U.S. National Nutrition Forum. Chosen by government officials, anti-hunger activists and nutrition advocates to conclude conference with platform for future action.

# Coordinator, Safe Food Coalition 1986- Present

Created and lead coalition of consumer, public health, senior citizen and labor organizations seeking to improve nation's food inspection programs. Act as spokesperson and strategist and provide technical assistance to the group. The SFC played an integral role in developing and persuading the USDA to trade the antiquated "poke and sniff" meat and poultry inspection system with a new program that sets limits on pathogen contamination and utilizes hazard analysis and control systems. Appear frequently on television news programs to discuss food safety issues.

# President, Foreman Heidepriem & Mager Inc. 1982 - 1999

Founder and CEO of women-owned public policy consulting firm. The firm developed a special capacity to work with both the public interest advocacy community, particularly women's rights and consumer advocacy organizations, and corporate clients and to serve as a broker between disparate interests in a search for common ground.

Clients included: Aetna Life and Casualty Company; Alliance for Justice, American Home Products, CIGNA, Hoffmann--La Roche, Independent Sector, Monsanto, National Abortion Rights Action League, Procter & Gamble, United Food and Commercial Workers International Union, the Rockefeller Foundation, and the 1988 Dukakis/Bentsen and 1992 Clinton/Gore presidential campaigns.

# Assistant Secretary of Agriculture for Food and Consumer Services, U.S. Department of Agriculture 1977-1981

Responsible for all USDA food assistance and nutrition programs (food stamps, WIC school breakfast and lunch, child care and summer feeding programs); food safety (meat, poultry and egg inspection), food quality (grading of food products), with a total budget of more than \$20 billion and a staff of more than 15,000.

### Significant Achievements:

- Directed development of the first "Dietary Guidelines for Americans," federal government's effort to provide simple, direct guidance to the public on the relationship between diet and health.
- Expanded Women, Infants, and Children Supplemental Feeding Program (WIC) to cover over 2 million pregnant women, nursing mothers and young children.
- Developed, achieved Congressional approval and managed implementation of major food stamp reform legislation in 1977 and 1980.
- Developed and implemented new procedures that produced major budget savings in meat inspection and increased flexibility for the regulated industry in meeting government requirements.

# Executive Director, Consumer Federation of America and the Paul Douglas Consumer Research Center 1973-1977

Served as chief executive officer of the nation's largest consumer organization and of its research center; developed and conducted successful lobbying and public information campaigns to influence legislation and regulations affecting consumers; worked successfully with large and diverse board of directors; and achieved significant growth in income and membership.

# PRESIDENTIAL/DEPARTMENTAL APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

Member, President's Commission on White House Fellowships, 1996 -2001 (Appointed by President Clinton)

Member, European Union-U.S. Consultative Forum on Agricultural Biotechnology, 2000

Member, Agriculture Policy Advisory Committee for Trade, 2001-2004

Member, National Advisory Committee on Meat and Poultry Inspection, 1996-2002

U.S. Department of Agriculture Advisory Committee on Agricultural Biotechnology, 1999-2001 and 2004-present

Director, U. S. National Consumer Cooperative Bank, 1979-1981 (Appointed by President Carter; Confirmed by U.S. Senate)

Director, U. S. Commodity Credit Corporation, 1977-1981 (Appointed by President Carter, Confirmed by U.S. Senate)

Member, National Advisory Committee on American Growth Policy Processes, 1976 (Appointed by President Ford)

# CORPORATE AND NONPROFIT BOARDS AND PERSONAL RECOGNITION

Trustee, Washington University, St. Louis, 1987-95

Director, Adams National Bank, 1990-1993

Director, Bread for the World, 2000-Present

Director, Keystone Center, 2001-2002

Director, Partnership for Food Safety Education, 1996-Present

Director, Food Research and Action Center (FRAC), 1983-2002 Board Chair, 1993-98

Member, EMILY's List Advisory Committee, 1989 - Present

Director and Member of Executive Committee, Center for National Policy, 1981-99

Director, Public Voice for Food and Health Policy, 1983-99

Member, Governor's Advisory Committee on AIDS, Maryland, 1988

Member, District of Columbia Commission on Women, 1972-1974

Director, National Policy Association, 1986-99

Director, CHRISTIANITY AND CRISIS, 1991-93

Director, Consumers Union of the United States, 1983-85;

Elder, Chevy Chase Presbyterian Church, Washington, D.C.

Editor, Regulating for the Future: The Creative Balance (CNP Press, 1991)

## **AWARDS**

Consumer Federation of America, Esther Peterson Consumer Service Award, 2005

Washington University Distinguished Alumni Award, 1978 and 2000

National Consumers League "Trumpeter" Award, 1997

Alliance for Justice Award, 1988

Center for Science in the Public Interest, Nutrition Action Hall of Fame, 1991

William Woods College, Fulton, Mo., *Honorary Doctor of Laws*, 1976 Washingtonian Magazine, "Washington's Fifty Top Lobbyists, 1998"

## **ADDITIONAL PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

Assistant Director of Presidential Personnel, Clinton-Gore Transition Staff, 1992-93

Deputy to National Co-Chair, Mondale/Ferraro Campaign, 1984

Executive Director, Center for Women Policy Studies, 1983-84

Executive Director, Citizens Committee on Population and the American Future, 1972-73

Director of Policy Development, U.S. Commission on Population and the American Future, 1971-72

Director of Research and Publications, Democratic National Committee, 1965-66

Executive Assistant, U.S. Representative James Roosevelt, 1964-65

Instructor in American Government, William Woods College, 1963-64

Research Assistant, U.S. Senate Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations, under Chairman John L. McClellan, 1961-62

### **EDUCATION**

Washington University, St. Louis, Missouri, A.B. 1960 American University, Washington, D.C., 1960-61

## **PERSONAL**

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